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Re: Dolores River Water Quality Assessment

Dear Susan:

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the status of the Water Quality Assessment (WQA) for the Dolores River near Rico, Colorado. To facilitate moving the WQA effort forward, I want to confirm Atlantic Richfield's offer by this letter to provide additional funds as a donation to the Division for completion of the assessment process initiated in February 2001. We envision the additional funds would be available for review of the comments provided by Atlantic Richfield and EPA to the Division's January 2, 2002 draft, and consideration of recent water quality data collected in the Rico area by Atlantic Richfield in July and October of this year. I don't believe a new Statement of Work is needed. Rather, the funding may be provided to complete the original Statement of Work, which expired by its term in September 2002.

The original funding was \$12,000, and I propose that Atlantic Richfield provide an additional \$12,000 to complete this activity. As we discussed, the funding level is intended to be sufficient to allow the Division's contractor to travel to Denver for a meeting to discuss the comments and additional water quality and flow data collected this summer, in addition to the technical work required to consider the comments and new data and complete the WQA. If this level of funding is not adequate for this purpose and completion of the assessment, please let me know.

I have asked our attorney to contact Tony Trumbly to discuss the procedures the Division requires to make the donation for this activity. Thank you again for continued efforts in this matter. We look forward to working with you and your contractor to complete the assessment.

Please call me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further (406) 563-5211, ext. 413.

Sincerely,



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